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VS. CHARIZARD !

POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD

ATTENTION!! ALL VISITORS WHO ARE HERE TO WATCH THE MATCH IN THE BATTLE DOME!
KINDLY FORM A LINE HERE PLEASE!
SWARM
SWARM
SWARM
PLEASE ENTER THE DOME IN A SLOW AND ORDERLY MANNER.
GEEZ, WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS? I'M THE ARENA TYCOON, YOU KNOW...
...AND I'M THE PIKE QUEEN.
WE'RE BEING REDUCED TO MERE USHERS !!
THERE, THERE, YOU TWO.
ANABEL DECIDED THIS, SO...
IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE FRONTIER BRAINS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE VISITORS. SINCE WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN GUILE MIGHT ATTACK...

I KNOW THAT, BUT...
BWWWAH!
...WE NEVER EXPECTED THE TURNOUT TO BE THIS HUGE!

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY... THIS SHOWS THAT ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR THE FRONTIER, DOESN'T IT?
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE DOME

TUCKER'S SEMI-FINAL MATCH WAS SO IMPRESSIVE!
I HEARD THAT THINGS ARE DONE DIFFERENTLY IN THE OTHER FACILITIES?
OOH, TUCKER'S SO COOL~! HE CAN EVEN FLY IN MID-AIR!
THE OFFICIAL OPENING IS NEXT WEEK, HUH? I CAN'T WAIT!!
I'M DEFINITELY TAKING PART!!
THOSE PEOPLE... EVERYONE SEEMS SO HAPPY...
IT REALLY MAKES ALL THE EFFORT WE'VE PUT IN SO FAR WORTHWHILE...

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!! THAT'S WHY WE GOTTA MAKE SURE NOTHING BAD HAPPENS UNTIL THE OFFICIAL OPENING!
YEAH.
ALL RIGHT, ALL THE VISITORS HAVE BEEN USHERED TO THEIR SEATS. LET US GO CHEER TUCKER ON!!

OH, THAT REMINDS ME. WE DID SOME INVESTIGATION ON OUR OWN WHILE YOU WERE TAKING CARE OF THE VISITORS...
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?!
YES
WE HAVE FOUND A WAY...

TO MEET THE WISH POKÉMON JIRACHI!
...BEFORE THE ENEMY DOES!

THE FINAL MATCH BETWEEN FRONTIER BRAIN TUCKER AND CHALLENGER EMERALD SHALL NOW BEGIN!

YOU CAN DO IT, EMERALD !!
FOR THE WIN!!
THE SYMBOL WILL BE YOURS IF YOU WIN THIS MATCH!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SEQUENCE OF THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON WILL BE?
LET ME SEE.. DOME ACE TUCKER HAS CHARIZARD, METAGROSS AND SALAMENCE ON HAND.. HE'LL PROBABLY..

...USE SALAMENCE FIRST!

JUST THINKING BACK TO THAT MATCH MAKES ME SHUDDER...! I LOST TO THAT SALAMENCE ALONE! BUT THEN AGAIN, I'VE NEVER REALLY BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE POKÉMON LIKE THAT...
YEAH... THAT MAKES THE TWO OF US...
HMM?
"THE TWO OF US"?! SO YOU DO REMEMBER, DON'T YA?
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!
I'M NOT!
WILL YA TWO QUIT FLIRTING !!
WHY ARE YOU GUYS BEHAVING LIKE YOU'RE MY SECONDS ANYWAY?
I DON'T REMEMBER ASKING ANY FAVORS FROM YA!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN HELP IT YOU KNOW...
YEAH, I MEAN..

EVER SINCE WE FOUND OUT YOUR SCEPTILE WAS ACTUALLY FROM THE BIRCH RESEARCH LABORATORY, THOSE THREE HAVE BEEN STUCK LIKE GLUE...
SCEPTILE LOOKS ESPECIALLY HAPPY, EMERALD... HE MUST MISS HOME A LOT!
AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO HAVE SUCH A CUTE POKÉMON ENDEAR ITSELF TO YOU? AND YOU'RE GONNA SHOW IT IN THE MATCH BY WINNING IT, RIGHT?
TIME-OUT, TIME-OUT!!
UMPIRE!
?
I WANT THOSE TWO LOONIES BARRED FROM THE DOME AND ALSO...

I WANNA CHANGE MY POKÉMON FOR THIS MATCH!!
I PICKED THE WRONG ONES!
1...I CAN'T ALLOW THAT! CHANGING POKÉMON AT THIS POINT IN TIME IS JUST..."
IT'S FINE, LET HIM! I DON'T MIND AT ALL!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' BE RIGHT BACK!
FLOP
SMOOSH
LEMME SEE... CONTACT CRISTAL AND REQUEST FOR NEW POKÉMON... THERE!
I WANT THIS GUY, THIS GUY...
HEY, EMERALD! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!!
GET OUT!
BUT...
SMUSH

I SAID GET OUT!!!
FLING
CLONK
CLONK
CRISTAL'S TAKING SO LONG TO REPLY...
HELLO? HELLOOO...!
BOP BOP BOP
HMM. SHE JUST SENT THE POKÉMON OVER WITHOUT PICKING UP THE CALL. WHAT GIVES?!
LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!!
BOOM!!
I CAN'T USE ALL OF YOU TO FIGHT A LOSING BATTLE!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT. THIS IS A TOURNAMENT, AND I'M DOING THIS TO WIN!
THINGS LIKE FEELINGS AND BONDS DON'T MAKE A WINNING TEAM.
...I'D BE INSULTING THE POKÉMON...
...IF I DID THAT.

IT'S THE ALAKAZAM THAT MADE IT TO SET NINE OF THE BATTLE PYRAMID!!
AND THIS TIME...!
A "THUNDER PUNCH"!!
SMASH
ALAKAZAM CAN USE ALL THREE THUNDER, FIRE AND ICE PUNCHES!
I CHOSE THIS PUNCH THAT ALL FLYING-TYPES ARE WEAK AGAINST!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
IT'S WORKING REALLY WELL, EH?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IT WITHSTOOD OUR ATTACK AND IS NOW COUNTER-ATTACKING!! OH, NO!!
BUT IF THEY CAN ENDURE IT...
...SO CAN WE!!
IF WE CAN PULL THROUGH SOME-HOW...
...WE'LL BE ABLE TO DISH OUT ANOTHER "THUNDER-PUNCH"!!!
FIZZ
ALAKAZAM!!
THUD
THUD
THUD

A DOME BATTLE CHALLENGE IS FOUGHT BY CHOOSING TWO POKÉMON FROM THE THREE YOU HAVE ON HAND...
...TO LOSE JUST ONE POKÉMON WOULD MEAN A SLIM CHANCE OF WINNING..
NEXT!!
BOOM
METAGROSS!!
OH DEAR, THIS PUTS EMERALD AT A FURTHER DISADVANTAGE...
DID HE MAKE A WRONG PREDICTION ON THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON SEQUENCE?!
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
I MADE METAGROSS HOLD ON TO THE "QUICK CLAW" ITEM!
IF WE CAN ATTACK FIRST... IF WE CAN EXECUTE A MOVE BEFORE THE OPPONENT DOES...!!
"ROCK TOMB"!!

I DON'T THINK CHARIZARD CAN HOLD OUT...
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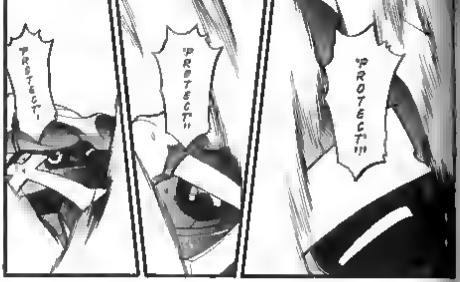
NO WAY...!!
MY TURN!
ROOOOAR
"OVER-HEAT"!!
BOOF
BOOF


"PROTECT!"
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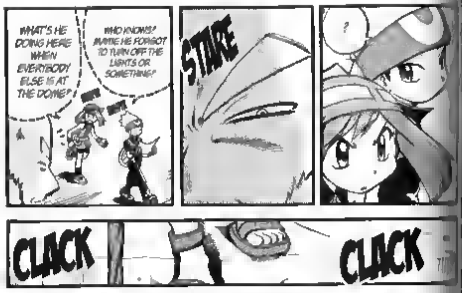
CHEEER

WE'VE BEEN BARRED FROM THE DOME...
YEAH.
IT REALLY IS DIFFICULT TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH THAT EMERALD, ISN'T IT...
SLIDE

SO... WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW?
AT LEAST...
...WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT OPERATION, "ENTER THE TOURNAMENT AND TRY TO GET ALONG AS FELLOW CHALLENGERS"...
WAS A HUGE FLOP

WELL, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE REMAINING TWO DAYS TO CHECK AROUND THE FRONTIER...
YEAH...
HMM?

WHAT'S THAT?
I THINK IT'S THE BATTLE PALACE? IT'S THE FACILITY EMERALD WILL BE CHALLENGING TOMORROW.
ISN'T THAT SPENSER, THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THE BATTLE PALACE?
SOME-ONE'S THERE!!


WHAT'S HE DOING HERE WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE IS AT THE DOME?
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE HE FORGOT TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS OR SOMETHING?
STARE
CLACK
CLACK

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!!

SCOTT

Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

BATTLE TOWER PART 1

BATTLE MODE	POKÉMON ALLOWED	OBTAINABLE SYMBOL	SYMBOL OBTAINING PRESENTATION
SINGLE DOUBLE MULTI	THREE	ABILITY	WHEN YOU REACH THE SPEAKER

...are building in the north is the Battle Tower, an icon of the Frontier. It may be a familiar sight ... of you, as it was seen by operating before the other facilities were added. This facility is ... very epitome of Pokémon battles, so to speak, as there are no new rules or setups in the ... Tower. In this place, you can simply test your techniques as a trainer and the strength of ... Pokémon to your satisfaction!

...N MAIDEN ANABEL

ABILITY SYMBOL